



James C. Dinegar,
President and CEO
Greater Washington Board of Trade

As president and CEO, since July 2006, Jim Dinegar oversees the leading regional organization representing the business interests for major companies throughout Northern Virginia, the District of Columbia and Suburban Maryland.

The Board of Trade puts its focus on the critical issues and opportunities here: transportation; emergency preparedness and business continuity; green as a competitive advantage; and the workforce challenges of recruiting and retaining highly qualified people. Special emphasis is paid to economic development strategies that will advance the growth of this region and additional focus is provided on the emerging opportunities surrounding cyber security.

The Board of Trade:

- Strongly supports expansion of Metro's capacity by extending all 6-car trains to 8-cars.
- Calls for increased vigilance and awareness so that businesses, employees and residents are all well prepared for times and emergency.
- Conducted the due-diligence to explore the implications of hosting the 2024 Summer Olympics.
- Advances the logic of extending MARC and VRE services across state lines for rail run-through to operate regionally.

At the Board of Trade, Jim works alongside a top-performing team of staff professionals guided by the elected leadership of the region's top company executives. This collaboration extends to partnerships with many of the leading Chambers and organizations representing business concerns in the various jurisdictions throughout Greater Washington.

Before coming to the Board of Trade, Mr. Dinegar served as chief operating officer of the American Institute for Architects (AIA) where he was responsible for the overall operation of a 77,000-member organization.

Mr. Dinegar is a graduate of The Catholic University of America; currently chairs the Smithsonian National Zoo Advisory Board; is actively engaged on the Greater Washington boards of the Close-Up Foundation, Goodwill, United Way, Junior Achievement and the Police Foundation.

Mr. Dinegar resides in Arlington, Virginia with his two children, Abby and Ben.